

**§ 28.275 Acceptance criteria for instructors and course curricula.**

(a) A Fishing Vessel Safety Instructor shall submit a detailed course curriculum that relates directly to the contingencies listed in § 28.270(a), or a letter certifying the use of the "Personal Survival and Emergency Drills Course," a national standard curriculum, to the cognizant OCMI. This document can be ordered through the United States Marine Safety Association (USMSA), 5458 Wagonmaster Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80917. For the criteria of Fishing Vessel Safety Instructor, the following documentation shall be provided to the cognizant OCMI:

(1) Proof of at least 1 year of experience in a marine related field and experience that relates directly to the contingencies listed in § 28.270(a) including—

(i) Experience as an instructor; or  
(ii) Training received in instructional methods; or

(2) A valid merchant mariner's license issued by the Coast Guard authorizing service as master of uninspected fishing industry vessels and proof of experience that relates directly to the contingencies listed in 46 CFR 28.270(a) including—

(i) Experience as an instructor; or  
(ii) Training received in instructional methods; or

(3) A valid merchant mariner's license issued by the Coast Guard authorizing service as a master of inspected vessels of 100 gross tons or more and proof of experience that relates directly to the contingencies listed in 46 CFR 28.270(a) including—

(i) Experience as an instructor; or  
(ii) Training received in instructional methods. (See note 1.)

NOTE 1: Persons holding a license authorizing service as a master of inspected vessels of 100 gross tons or higher with an original issue date prior to May 1, 1997, have until September 15, 1998, to comply with the provisions listed in § 28.275(a)(3).

(b) Each OCMI will issue a letter of acceptance to all qualified individuals and will maintain a list of accepted instructors in his/her zone.

(c) Letters of acceptance shall be valid for a period of 5 years.

(d) Fishing Vessel Safety Instructors or the organization providing training shall issue documents to Fishing Vessel Drill Conductors upon successful completion of all required training.

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**Subpart D—Requirements for Vessels Which Have Their Keel Laid or Are at a Similar Stage of Construction on or After or Which Undergo a Major Conversion Completed on or After September 15, 1991, and That Operate With More Than 16 Individuals on Board**

**§ 28.300 Applicability and general requirements.**

Each commercial fishing industry vessel which has its keel laid or is at a similar stage of construction on or after or which undergoes a major conversion completed on or after September 15, 1991, and that operates with more than 16 individuals on board must comply with the requirements of this subpart in addition to the requirements of subparts A, B, and C of this part.

**§ 28.305 Lifesaving and signaling equipment.**

Each vessel to which this subpart applies must meet the requirements for life preservers, immersion suits, ring life buoys, distress signals, and survival craft in §§ 28.110, 28.115, 28.145 and table 28.120 (a), (b), or (c), as appropriate for the vessel type, on the date that its construction or major conversion is completed.

**§ 28.310 Launching of survival craft.**

A gate or other opening must be provided in the deck rails, lifelines, or bulwarks adjacent to the stowage location of each survival craft which weighs more than 110 pounds (489 Newtons), to allow the survival craft to be manually launched.